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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6149

BILL NUMBER: HB 1053

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 25, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Meningitis Vaccinations for College Students.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Neese

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a student at a residential campus of a state educational institution to be vaccinated for meningococcal meningitis, unless the student qualifies for an exemption. The bill repeals the notice requirement to students encouraging voluntary vaccination for meningococcal meningitis. It also makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill requires immunization for meningococcal disease in order to attend a residential campus at a public university. The bill could potentially impact the cost of state employee health insurance to the extent that employees' covered dependents do not currently choose to receive this immunization as a first-time student at a residential campus. The fiscal impact would be likely be minimal.

The bill would apply to all full-time students physically attending a residential public campus for the first time. This definition would include full-time students who are freshmen, certain students transferring from another institution or campus, and graduate students. The bill does not define a residential campus. However, both IU and Purdue report that all the campuses follow the state law requiring the reporting of immunizations by all students regardless of when they first arrive on campus (freshmen, transfer students, and graduate students).

Background: The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends routine vaccination of persons aged 10-55 years who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease. College freshmen living in dormitories are considered to be at increased risk. In June 2007, the ACIP revised its recommendation to

include the routine vaccination of all persons aged 11-18 years with one dose of meningococcal meningitis at the earliest opportunity. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Adult Vaccine Price List indicates the private-sector cost for meningococcal conjugate vaccine is \$89.43 per dose. The Purdue University Student Health Center website indicates the cost of meningitis vaccine is \$110 with insurance billing available for insured students.

There were 34,108 freshmen students enrolled in public universities in the state during FY 2007. (These numbers do not include Ivy Tech.) Indiana University and Purdue University both report that all campuses in the system follow the state law requiring the reporting of immunizations by all students regardless of when they first arrive on campus (freshmen, transfer students, and graduate students). The web pages of the student health centers at Purdue University, Indiana University, Ball State University, Vincennes University, Indiana State University, and the University of Southern Indiana include information regarding meningococcal disease and the availability of vaccine. Students or their insurance carriers would be responsible for payment for the vaccine and any administrative charge.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill could potentially impact the cost of local government employee health insurance to the extent that employees' covered dependents do not currently choose to receive this immunization as first-time students on a residential campus. The fiscal impact would be likely be minimal.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: All; State-supported postsecondary institutions.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Recommendations of the ACIP of the CDC at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm563la3.htm?s_cid=mm563la3_e; "Risk Factors for Meningococcal Disease in College Students", Bruce, MD, Michael C., Rosenstein, MD, Nancy F., Capparella, Jennifer M., et.al. JAMA, August 8, 2001 - Vol. 286, No.6.; Web pages for Purdue University, Indiana University, Ball State University, Indiana State University, Vincennes University, and the University of Southern Indiana.

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